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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a lot of pro-Taliban and pro-Qaida books from Pakistani and Islamic publishers, have found their way into India;

(b) if so, the number of such books have been found in circulation and on sale, State -wise;

(c) whether the books showing Kashmir as part of Pakistan were found at the World Book Fair in New Delhi recently; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent their entry, circulation and sale in the Country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Though circulation of audio/video cassettes containing provocative speeches and write-ups of terrorist leader, Maulana Masood Azhar (who is known for having close links with Taliban/Al-Qaida) has come to notice, there is no specific information about circulation of Pro-Taliban and Pro-Al-Qaida books in India.

(c): No such books came to notice at the World Book Fair.

(d): Does not arise.